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**Subject:** Re: UAB Superfund Research Program Grant - NEIHS  
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Thank you Ms. Heard for your response. EPA Region 4 will be pleased to learn the details of Dr. Antony's research and efforts to help address the ongoing issues facing the northern Birmingham communities.

Let us know if you have any questions about our Gasp or our work with the Northern Birmingham Community Coalition.

-Kirsten

On Wed, Jan 27, 2016 at 3:27 PM, Heard, Anne <[Heard.Anne@epa.gov](mailto:Heard.Anne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Ms. Bryant and Dr. Antony,

Thank you for your messages. I appreciate your efforts to establish a Superfund Research Center in Birmingham, Alabama. My staff would be more than happy to meet with you. They will let you know when they plan to be in Birmingham again.

Sincerely,

**V. Anne Heard** | Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 4

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Hi Ms. Heard,

My colleague, Michael Hansen, introduced you to our organization (Gasp) via email last week.

I wanted to share the information below regarding the opportunity to establish a Superfund Research Center in Birmingham, Alabama. We encourage Region 4 to get involved and learn how this research will complement the work EPA is currently doing in the impacted communities of northern Birmingham.

If you have any questions about this effort, please don't hesitate to contact me, my colleagues or Dr. Antony.

Thank you for your time,

Kirsten Bryant

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Hello everyone,

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and a good start to the new year.

The purpose of this email is to introduce you all to [Dr. Veena Antony](#), (copied here) a pulmonologist in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine within the School of Medicine at UAB.

As you know, UAB is a driver of research that improves the health and contributes greatly to the well being of Birmingham area citizens. Dr. Antony is leading the effort to apply for the 2016 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Superfund Research

Program Grant.

The research that UAB is proposing to do, through the establishment of a Superfund Research Center, will support the Birmingham community at large. The research will specifically help address challenges facing residents living in northern Birmingham communities.

Dr. Antony has met with key leaders within the community who are in support of this effort and additional research that will benefit their community's health. Dr. Antony and UAB representatives will be collaborating closely with the community in all aspects of their research and education efforts.

It is our hope that EPA Region 4 representatives will meet with Dr. Antony and support the establishment of a Superfund Research Center at UAB. The Center will complement and build on the significant and important work EPA is doing to improve the lives of Birmingham residents.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and commitment to Birmingham.

Sincerely,

Kirsten

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